### REGULAR MEETING BOROUGH COUNCIL BOROUGH OF RUMSON October 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom of Borough Hall on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Hemphill, Councilmen Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

Absent: Council President Atwell and Councilman Casazza.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was present.

David Marks, Borough Engineer, was present.

Mayor Hemphill declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular and work meetings of the Borough Council for the year 2019 to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Kingsbery, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

# LETTER RECEIVED FROM ROB CLIFTON, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR COMCAST REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE BOROUGH'S RECENT ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSENT FOR SERVICES.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from Rob Clifton, Director of Government and Community Affairs for Comcast and the letter serves as formal acceptance of the Borough's recent Ordinance granting renewal of municipal consent to Comcast of Monmouth County, LLC.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Swikart, this communication was ordered received and permission was granted. All in favor.

| <u>COMM</u> | ITTEE REPORTS:   |
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| N           | None.  |
| UNFINI      | SHED BUSINESS:   |
| N           | None.  |
| NEW B       | USINESS:   |
|             | UTION 2019-1022-114 APPOINTING FLORENCE PRESTON AS REGULAR<br>ING GUARD FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR. |

#### 2019-1022-114

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson, through its Police Department, has the need for an additional Part-Time Regular Crossing Guard; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Florence Preston be appointed as a Regular School Crossing Guard for the 2019-2020 School Year:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Regular School Crossing Guards shall be paid at a rate of \$31.00 per diem for days worked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and Payroll Clerk.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Kingsbery and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Casazza.

# RESOLUTION 2019-1022-115 APPOINTING SPECIAL CONSULTING PLANNER KENDRA LELIE, PP, AICP, LLA.

#### 2019-1022-115

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Special Consulting Planner for the Borough of Rumson as authorized by R.S.40A:11-5:

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, R.S.40A:11-1, et. seq., requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be published no more than ten (10) days following the adoption thereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson as follows:

- 1. The Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Borough, to retain Kendra Lelie, PP, AICP, LLA of Kyle + McManus Associates, to perform the services of Special Consulting Planner beginning October 15, 2019 through December 31, 2019, pursuant to R.S.40A:11-5; and
- 2. Said Special Consulting Planner is retained and appointed to the above office and said Special Consulting Planner is awarded a contract pursuant to R.S. 40A:11-5 without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service rendered or performed is to be done by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose profession and practice is regulated by law and bids are not required per R.S.40A:5-11.
- 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the *Asbury Park Press* or *Two River Times* as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Swikart and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None

Absent: Atwell and Casazza.

# RESOLUTION 2019-1022-116 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW FEES TO PROJECT EXPEDITERS, INC.

#### 2019-1022-116

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW FEES TO PROJECT EXPEDITERS, INC.

WHEREAS, Project Expediters, Inc. posted \$1,751.85 Escrow for a Minor Site Plan application for Bank of America, Block 25, Lot 4, also known as 49 W River Road; and

WHEREAS, now that the project is complete, Diane Melani, of Project Expediters, has requested a refund of the Escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, David Marks, Borough Engineer has confirmed with T&M Associates that all invoices have been paid and no additional invoices will be forthcoming for this application; and

WHEREAS, Helen L. Graves, Borough Chief Financial Officer, has confirmed with Planning Board Attorney, Michael Steib, that all invoices have been paid and no additional invoices will be forthcoming for this application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the refund of the balance of the escrow fee in the amount of \$1,277.75 to Project Expediters, Inc., 28 Station St., Manalapan, NJ 07726-4007

Resolution seconded by Councilman Kingsbery and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Casazza.

# RESOLUTION 2019-1022-117 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PRE-PAID POLICE SERVICES TO EMERALD CAZ PRODUCTIONS.

#### 2019-1022-117

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

# RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REFUND PRE-PAID POLICE SERVICES TO EMERALD CAZ PRODUCTIONS

WHEREAS, the Emerald Caz Productions posted \$1,600.00 for pre-payment of 16 hours Police Services; and

WHEREAS, Helen L. Graves, Chief Financial Officer has confirmed that Rumson Officers provided 8 hours of the requested service; and

WHEREAS, Helen L. Graves, Chief Financial Officer, has confirmed receipt of the funds listed above and recommends refunding \$800.00 to the Emerald Caz Productions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that \$800.00 be refunded to the Emerald Caz Productions, 27 Forrest Avenue, Rumson 07760; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Swikart and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Casazza.

RESOLUTION 2019-1022-118 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2018 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM-PHASE III LAFAYETTE STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS.

#### 2019-1022-118

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2018 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PHASE III LAFAYETTE STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, S. Brothers Inc., of PO Box 317, South River, NJ 08882, was awarded a contract with the Borough of Rumson for the Borough's 2018 Road Improvement Program – Phase 3, Lafayette Street Area Improvements on July 9, 2019 in the amount of \$1,219,917.20; and

WHEREAS, certain field changes and supplemental work was deemed necessary during the project, and;

WHEREAS, quantities of certain items in the original contract have been adjusted to reflect as-built quantities and actual field conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves Change Order Number 1 of the Borough's contract with S. Brothers Construction for the Road Improvement Program – Phase 3, Lafayette Street Area Improvements, which change order will reflect the addition of certain requested supplemental and extra work resulting in an increase in the amount of \$8,896.40 and the change in certain materials and equipment resulting in a decrease of \$8,896.40, with a net increase of \$0.00, maintaining the total revised contract price at \$1,219,917.20. Said Change Order was recommended by the Borough's Consulting Engineer in a letter dated October 21, 2019, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Kingsbery and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Casazza.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

- 1. Rumson Recreation will again sponsor the Halloween Party on Sunday, October 27th, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Party and Costume Judging at Victory Park.
- 2. The Borough's Halloween Curfew Ordinance is in effect again this year. The curfew is 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and 8:00 p.m. on Halloween, Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Anyone under the age of 18 not accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian after those hours on those two nights will be in violation of the curfew ordinance and subject to a fine. This ordinance was enacted many years ago because of the vandalism problem experienced on those two nights in years prior to its adoption.
- 3. There will be a Veterans' Day Ceremony held in Victory Park on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. At that time, the names of the Veterans that have been added to the Veterans Monument will be announced. We hope that you will join us.
- 4. I would like to remind all residents that there will be no brush pick up or bulk pick up during the months of November and December because of leaf clean up during those months.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

#### FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Financial Officer's Report disclosed the following as of September 30, 2019:

# BOROUGH OF RUMSON CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL Analysis of Cash for the Month Ending: September 30, 2019

|    | •                              | J                    | •                | •              |                   |
|----|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|    | FUNDS                          | Beginning<br>Balance | Cash<br>Receipts | Disbursements  | Ending<br>Balance |
| 1. | CURRENT FUND                   |                      |                  |                |                   |
|    | Current Fund Checking          | 21,081,399.67        | 2,690,662.57     | (7,219,436.11) | 16,552,626.13     |
|    | Change Funds                   | 300.00               | 0.00             | 0.00           | 300.00            |
|    | Certificates of Deposit        | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00           | -                 |
|    | Total Current Fund             | 21,081,699.67        | 2,690,662.57     | (7,219,436.11) | 16,552,926.13     |
| 2. | CAPITAL FUND                   |                      |                  |                | -                 |
|    | Capital Fund Checking          | 3,779,468.00         | 0.00             | (272,581.33)   | 3,506,886.67      |
|    | Total Capital Fund             | 3,779,468.00         | 0.00             | (272,581.33)   | 3,506,886.67      |
| 3. | PAYROLL & PAYROLL AGENCY       |                      |                  |                |                   |
|    | Payroll                        | 2,981.86             | 327,317.69       | (327,317.69)   | 2,981.86          |
|    | Payroll Agency                 | 10,905.91            | 190,726.27       | (190,726.27)   | 10,905.91         |
|    | Total Payroll & Payroll Agency | 13,887.77            | 518,043.96       | (518,043.96)   | 13,887.77         |
| 4. | TRUST FUNDS                    |                      |                  |                |                   |
|    | Trust Fund Checking            | 596,101.85           | 2,932.00         | (32,256.51)    | 566,777.34        |
|    | Unemployment Trust             | 71,636.46            | 48.69            | 0.00           | 71,685.15         |
|    | Recreation Trust               | 453,888.10           | 27,376.74        | (48,392.84)    | 432,872.00        |
|    | C.O.A.H. Trust                 | 3,259,408.67         | 24,214.29        | 0.00           | 3,283,622.96      |
|    | Law Enforcement Trust Fund     | 449.35               | 0.31             | 0.00           | 449.66            |
|    | LEAD (formerly DARE)           | 9,365.50             | 6.37             | 0.00           | 9,371.87          |
|    | Cafeteria Plan                 | 2,447.51             | 0.00             | (132.05)       | 2,315.46          |
|    | Animal Control Trust Fund      | 29,012.91            | 0.00             | (11.40)        | 29,001.51         |

Total Trust Funds 4,422,310.35 54,578.40 (80,792.80) 4,396,095.95

TOTAL ALL FUNDS 29,297,365.79 3,263,284.93 (8,090,854.20) 24,469,796.52

Respectfully submitted by:

### Helen L. Graves

Helen L. Graves, Chief Financial Officer

On motion by Councilman Conklin, seconded by Councilman Rubin, the Financial Officer's Report was ordered received and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Casazza.

### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilman Conklin offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

| Vendor                         | Amount           |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| FRA TECHNOLOGIES               | \$<br>650.00     |
| ANIMAL CONTROL FUND            | \$<br>650.00     |
|                                |                  |
| ADL MECHANICAL SERVICE INC     | \$<br>4,100.00   |
| ATLANTIC TACTICAL OF NJ, INC   | \$<br>13,104.44  |
| RCLE,INC                       | \$<br>3,040.00   |
| S. BROTHERS, INC.              | \$<br>334,881.29 |
| CAPITAL FUND                   | \$<br>355,125.73 |
|                                |                  |
| ATLANTIC PLUMBING SUPPLY CORP  | \$<br>63.00      |
| ATLANTIC COAST FIBERS, LLC     | \$<br>5,487.40   |
| BAIN'S HARDWARE INC.           | \$<br>10.77      |
| BETTER HOUSEKEEPING SHOP, INC  | \$<br>235.00     |
| BOB'S UNIFORM SHOP             | \$<br>107.50     |
| BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN          | \$<br>11,780.00  |
| BOXWOOD GARDENS                | \$<br>250.00     |
| BROOKREST SOD FARM             | \$<br>65.00      |
| BUTCH'S AUTO. CAR WASH, INC.   | \$<br>59.50      |
| CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER LLC      | \$<br>154.00     |
| COMCAST                        | \$<br>2,143.22   |
| CRAFTSMENS CO LLC              | \$<br>666.00     |
| CROWN TIRE                     | \$<br>79.95      |
| DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC | \$<br>4,102.73   |
| DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS         | \$<br>8.88       |
| DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE        | \$<br>170.00     |
| EDWARDS TIRE CO INC            | \$<br>1,350.00   |
| EDWARDS TIRE CO INC            | \$<br>1,060.96   |
| EMERALD CAZ PRODUCTIONS        | \$<br>800.00     |
| F & C AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY INC    | \$<br>268.85     |
| WW GRAINGER INC                | \$<br>36.94      |
| INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEV | \$<br>150.00     |
| INTERSTATE MOBILE CARE INC     | \$<br>962.00     |
| JCP&L                          | \$<br>9,160.29   |
| JESCO, INC.                    | \$<br>30.93      |

| IECCO INC                      | ۲        | 12.01              |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| JESCO, INC.                    | \$       | 42.84              |
| JESCO, INC.                    | \$       | 436.38             |
| KALDOR EMERGENCY LIGHTS LLC    | \$       | 275.80             |
| LANIGAN ASSOCIATES, INC        | \$       | 150.00             |
| LANIGAN ASSOCIATES, INC        | \$       | 53.00              |
| LANIGAN ASSOCIATES, INC        | \$       | 1,515.85           |
| LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES,INC     | \$       | 66.54              |
| STEPHANIE LEHNER               | \$       | 121.68             |
| MICHELE A MACPHERSON           | \$       | 350.00             |
| MCAA OF NJ-                    | \$       | 90.00              |
| MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL       | \$       | 14,894.50          |
| MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL       | \$       | 506.00             |
| MICKEY BENOIT, INC             | \$       | 1,008.00           |
| MID-ATLANTIC TRUCK CENTRE INC  | \$       | 298.44             |
| TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH  | \$       | 5,095.41           |
| MONMOUTH WIRE & COMP. RECYCLE  | \$       | 300.00             |
| NAYLOR'S AUTO PARTS            | \$       | 1,411.15           |
| NAYLOR'S AUTO PARTS            | \$       | 45.28              |
| NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER      | ;<br>\$  | 9,568.00           |
| NJ NATURAL GAS CO.             | \$       | 220.52             |
| NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES    | \$       | 50.00              |
| NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES    | \$       | 65.00              |
| NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES    | \$       | 65.00              |
| NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES    | \$       | 65.00              |
| NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES    | \$       | 115.00             |
| SCOTT PATERSON                 | \$       | 21.95              |
| PEP EXPRESS PARTS              | \$       | 471.36             |
| POSTMASTER                     | \$       | 2,500.00           |
| POWERHOUSE SIGNWORKS           | ۶<br>\$  | 2,300.00           |
| PRO CRAFT AUTO BODY            | \$       | 1,444.50           |
| PRO CRAFT AUTO BODY            | '        | 3,830.24           |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES of NJ, LLC   | \$<br>\$ |                    |
| THOMAS S ROGERS                | \$<br>\$ | 2,077.74<br>400.00 |
| TONY SANCHEZ LTD               |          | 226.02             |
|                                | \$       |                    |
| SICKLES MARKET                 | \$       | 274.98             |
| SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY       | \$       | 192.33             |
| STATE SHORTHAND REPORTING SERV | \$       | 250.00             |
| STAVOLA ASPHALT CO. INC.       | \$       | 151.02             |
| MICHAEL B STEIB, PA            | \$       | 13.00              |
| STEWART'S PLUMBING             | \$       | 153.22             |
| STEWART & STEVENSON POWER      | \$       | 335.00             |
| SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,        | \$       | 26,750.00          |
| SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.,        | \$       | 21,172.30          |
| JEFFREY R SURENIAN & ASSO. LLC | \$       | 3,893.05           |
| TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC      | \$       | 2,574.76           |
| TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC      | \$       | 414.00             |
| THE TWO RIVER TIMES            | \$       | 68.82              |
| UP-TITE FASTENERS, INC         | \$       | 32.50              |
| VERIZON                        | \$       | 52.37              |
| VERIZON                        | \$       | 36.72              |
| VERIZON                        | \$       | 42.56              |
| VERIZON WIRELESS               | \$       | 404.81             |
| VERIZON WIRELESS               | \$       | 103.06             |
| VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS          | \$       | 144.99             |
| WAGEWORKS                      | \$       | 100.00             |
| WARSHAUER ELECTRIC SUPPLY      | \$       | 32.17              |
| WATCHUNG SPRING WATER CO.      | \$       | 73.88              |
|                                |          |                    |

| Y-PERS, INC.                |          | 208.73     |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| CURRENT FUND                | \$       | 144,746.39 |
|                             |          |            |
| SICILIANO LANDSCAPE CO LLC  | \$       | 450.00     |
| US POSTAL SERVICE           | \$       | 122.00     |
| RUMSON ENDOWMENT FUND INC   | \$       | 572.00     |
|                             |          |            |
| ROBERT ESPOSITO             | \$       | 645.00     |
| MICHAEL V HUBER             | \$       | 120.00     |
| JONATHAUN LAURIA            | \$       | 75.00      |
| MAD SCIENCE OF WEST NJ      | \$       | 300.00     |
| NEW JERSEY YOUTH SOCCER     | \$       | 2,820.00   |
| NEW JERSEY RECREATION &     | \$       | 200.00     |
| JENNIFER POTTER             | \$       | 432.00     |
| PW SYSTEMS                  | \$       | 600.00     |
| JOHN ROGERS                 | \$       | 432.00     |
| KIMBERLY S. SMITH           | \$       | 432.00     |
| ETHAN SMITH                 | \$       | 65.00      |
| NEIL WARAR                  | \$       | 300.00     |
| RECREATION TRUST            | \$       | 6,421.00   |
|                             |          |            |
| PROJECT EXPEDITERS,INC      | \$       | 1,277.75   |
| MICHAEL B STEIB, PA         | \$<br>\$ | 104.00     |
| TRUST                       | \$       | 1,381.75   |
|                             |          |            |
| Animal Control Fund         | \$       | 650.00     |
| Capital Fund                | \$       | 355,125.73 |
| Current Fund                | \$       | 144,746.39 |
| Rumson Endowment Fund, Inc. | \$       | 572.00     |
| Recreation Trust            | \$       | 6,421.00   |
| Trust                       | \$       | 1,381.75   |
| Total of All Funds          | \$       | 508,896.87 |

Resolution seconded by Councilman Rubin and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Casazza.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

Mayor Hemphill afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time and no one spoke.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Hemphill afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time.

Teresa Sperber of 65 Navesink Avenue approached the Council. She lives on the corner of Navesink Avenue and Hartshorne Lane and has attended tonight's meeting in order to make comment on the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Hartshorne Lane. Mrs. Sperber would like to see the change from Ridge Road, starting at Avenue of Two Rivers, and continuing through to Ward Avenue. She provided a letter in support of this change and asked that it be incorporated into the meeting record.

From: Teresa Kenney Sperber kenneyteresa@yahoo.com

Subject: Lowering Speed Limit Ridge/Hartshorne Lane

Date: Oct 22, 2019 at 3:26:30 PM To: TRogers@rumsonnj.gov

Cc: Paul Sperber sperbs93@gmail.com, Scott Paterson

spaterson@rumsonnj.gov

Dear Mr. Rogers,

My husband Paul Sperber and I reside at 65 Navesink Avenue on the corner of Hartshorne Lane with our five children ages 6, 10, 12, 13 and 15.

I understand from Scott Paterson that the Borough is considering lowering the speed limit to 25 mph on Hartshorne Lane, and hopefully from the stretch on Ridge Road starting at the library extending through to Hartshorne Lane at Ward Avenue.

We fully support this measure. This is a residential area with no sidewalks or curbing. Hartshorne Lane is not a wide road and the pedestrian and bike traffic is high in this area. During the summer months, the number of cars increases along with the pedestrian and bike traffic. Research has proven that a 5 mile drop will make the road safer for motorists, pedestrians and bikers and that lowering posted speed limits appears to be effective at reducing driver speeds. (See <a href="https://www.iihs.org/news/detail/city-drivers-slow-down-for-lower-speed-">https://www.iihs.org/news/detail/city-drivers-slow-down-for-lower-speed-</a> limit-in-boston#.W4VV\_MhOUNU.twitter; see also https://www.google.com/amp/ s/www.forbes.com/sites/tanyamohn/2018/08/31/lowering-speed-limits-even-alittle-means-less-speeding-and-safer-streets/amp/)

It is critical that the 25 mph zone be consistent from Hartshorne Lane at Ward Avenue extending to the intersection at Avenue of Two Rivers at Ridge Road. At this intersection, there are four businesses making for increased bike, foot and motor vehicle traffic. There is also a curve/bend on Ridge Road and when drivers are approaching the Navesink intersection quickly from the bend, it makes it challenging to cross at Navesink because the cars appear out of nowhere at the intersection. These two intersections are in very close proximity to each other (approximately 1/4 mile), and a lower speed limit between the two would make for safer intersections and more time for drivers to brake or react to

the circumstances around them.

We greatly appreciate the Borough and police efforts and consideration regarding this issue, and we look forward to a reduced speed limit in the immediate future.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa and Paul Sperber 65 Navesink Avenue Rumson 347-267-9570 Teresa cell

Sent from my iPhone

Mayor Hemphill thanked Mrs. Sperber and assured her that the issue was being worked on.

Margaret Simons of 22 Hartshorne Lane approached the Council. She lives on the corner of Hartshorne Lane and Navesink Avenue and came to the meeting tonight in support of an Ordinance to lower the speed limit in her area. She stated that there had been three accidents on the corner of concern with the last three years and one had fatalities. She feels that safety measures in the area need to be increased and a speed limit of 25 mph would be very helpful.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Simons for her comments.

Councilman Conklin commented that their concerns were being heard and the issue is being worked on. As with all processes of this nature, the Councilman explained that it will take time in order to produce an ordinance, post it publicly and allow for comments before anything can be changed.

Stu Sendell of 7D Lafayette Street approached the Council. He commended the diligence and well organized efforts of the contractor currently working on the Lafayette Street project.

Mr. Sendell also mentioned he had been researching the history of Rumson and had taken materials to Debra Gulick, Superintendent at the high school. He also commented that he will be attending a future Historic Preservation Commission meeting in order to discuss curriculum in the elementary school.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Sendell for the information.

Councilman Conklin added that he had a conversation with one of the Borough police officers staffed on duty at the project site and he concurred in regard to the contractor mentioned earlier. It was agreed that the current contractor and their employees have been the best group to ever work in the town on such a project. The Councilman thanked Borough Administrator Tom Rogers and Borough Engineer Dave Marks for their fine work in making sure the project runs smoothly.

Mayor Hemphill added that S. Brothers and their subcontractor Lancha are great companies to work with and all of their employees have been very polite to the residents of the town

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Swikart, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. All in favor.

Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator